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BEDOX/BEVISION/BECOMPLEX/Operational -- Status Report on Investigation of
Ryszard LICHOCKI

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action: See paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Reference: A. DIR 79031
B. HMMW-11969, 16 Oct 63
C. HMMA-22043, 30 Aug 63

1. Since the preparation of reference C, the Station has instituted telephone coverage of Subject, intercepted his mail, made inquiries about possible trips outside of Mexico by Subject since his arrival, and pursued other leads which are described in more detail below. All of this detailed investigative effort has not thus far developed concrete proof of any clandestine activity on the part of Subject, although it is certainly possible that open code messages are being passed by mail or by phone. The one possible exception is described in paragraph 6c below -- a faint indication that he may have left the country in mid-1959. WEGRZYN was rechecked in HBFINCH files, but there is still no record of him.

LIFEAT Coverage

2. LIFEAT coverage on Subject was instituted on 17 August and terminated on 23 October 1963. It was decided that an adequate pattern of Subject's associations had been obtained, and there was no positive indication of clandestine contacts arranged via this means. Following is a list and

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Description of Subject's contacts as noted from LIFEAT information:

a. Mrs. MAYER. The mother of Lidia LICHOCKA.

b. Abraham ZLOTNIK. Telephone 12-03-10, Isabella la Catolica 38/409-10. This is Subject's business associate in the land development business discussed in reference C.

c. Regina JACHIMOWICZ. Telephone 11-70-11, Amsterdam 128/4. Regina called Lidia on 26 Aug 63 to pass along a message to Subject from LIBALSA that the latter wished to see Subject about land development. (Note: LIBALSA discussed this matter with the police commandant, Ramon FLORES, whose wife Adela recommended Subject as a specialist and good engineer. Adela then passed along the tip to Regina, who called Lidia.) TRACES: Regina is the sister of Adolf WOLFGANG, brother-in-law of Lidia. See HMMW-8895 dated 12 July 1960 and HMMW-9570 dated 8 March 1961 for full information on Subject. The Station has not developed any further information on her.

d. Ignacio FLISSER. Telephone 14-37-34, Nuevo Leon 38. Conversations between Subject and FLISSER indicate that Subject owes FLISSER money, that the latter is pressing for it, and that Subject will not be able to pay until the end of the year as all of his money is tied up in house construction. No Station traces.

e. Arquitecto ROSEN. Telephone 20-31-88, which is listed to Henri KONSTAT Markowich, Edgar Allen Poe 30/501. This is probably Manuel ROSEN, who has been discussed in reference C. One call noted 29 Aug. Subject called ROSEN who was not in.

f. Fraccionamiento AURORA, the land development company with which Subject is connected. The following people are connected with this company:

(1) Inu PINA, who called Subject on 29 August by radio telephone (sic). He has a client for a piece of land and wants to know from Subject prices and methods of payment. No identical Station traces.

(2) Inu ARECHICA. Subject called ARECHICA on 3 September and they discussed a contract, with Subject paying a monthly amount of 670 pesos beginning 1 January. Subject asks that some money be paid to him, but no one at Aurora knows anything about this. No identical Station traces.

(3) Inu BALDIVIA. On 6 September Subject calls Aurora and asks for ARECHICA or BALDIBIA. Neither is there. No Station traces.

(4) Pedro GOMEZ calls for Subject on 23 September and leaves a message for him that he is to call Aurora, asking for BALDIVIA. No identical Station traces.

g. Franciszek and Helena ROGACKI. Telephone 45-84-74, Emerson 239/102. The ROGACKIs are good friends of the Subjects and they visit back and forth a lot. Subject, the ROGACKIs, and several other friends play poker together a great deal. TRACES: The ROGACKI family have been the subject of correspondence with Headquarters. Franciszek and Helen ROGACKI were in social contact with the Stanislaw ADAMOWICZs when ADAMOWICZ was assigned to the Polish Embassy. As of 7 September 1961, according to LIFEAT information, Franciszek was trying to get a new Polish passport through Jan SLUSARZ at the Polish Embassy. SLUSARZ was not very helpful and suggested that ROGACKI write to Warsaw about the matter. The daughter of the ROGACKI's, Irena Halina ZORAWSKA, is a rubber chemist now working

in Detroit. She was born in Poland, came to Mexico in July 1957, and immigrated to the U.S. in August 1960. BEVISION recalled a case of a female agent in the U.S., a chemist, specialist in rubber and sulphur, who was an agent of Branch 2, Department 1. Has this case ever been resolved?

h. Bogdan MIELNIK. MIELNIK, a Polish physicist here in Mexico working under Jerzy PLEBANSKI at the Politecnico, lives with the ROGACKIs, and because of this, has social contact with Subject and his wife. There are several calls indicating a social relationship. Lidia has invited MIELNIK for dinner, and Subject and MIELNIK chat on the phone occasionally. LIFEAT coverage was instituted on MIELNIK's phone and will be reported separately.

i. Inu *RODE from Chiapanecas calls Subject regarding a house. TRACES: There is a card on a Francisco Jose RHODE, German national, living in the State of Chiapas and listed as a pro-Axis element in Tapachula, Chiapas in 1942. The documents have been destroyed.

j. Dr. Mauricio *OCHSHORN. Subject called ROSEN and asked for OCHSHORN's number on 29 August. After obtaining it, he called OCHSHORN. The conversation, which was in Polish, was not translated. TRACES: OCHSHORN was born 12 May 1911 in Kosowa, Poland, and was medical consultant to employees of the Soviet Embassy during the period 1951-56, and perhaps longer. An investigation of OCHSHORN was conducted by LIFTER, the results of which are contained in TMM-2339, 3 Jul 51, p.14. In brief, the investigation indicated that OCHSHORN got his medical degree in Poland and went to France in 1935, reportedly because of his communist activities. In Paris he kept in touch with leftist groups, and particularly with exiled Polish communists. He went to Spain in 1937, returned to France in 1938, where he was arrested and imprisoned. Upon his release, he applied for entry to Mexico and entered Mexico as a political refugee on 2 March 1942. Since his arrival in Mexico, he has maintained leftist contacts, although he is said to be not active in politics. Coyocan 703/501.

k. Ing. Ignacio HOLTZ Hale, /Subject tried urgently on 10 September to reach HOLTZ at 43-07-28 and 14-34-54. He did not make contact by phone. The first number listed to HOLTZ and the second to D.C. CONSTRUCCIONES, Coahuila 223/408. No traces.

l. Inu RONSKI, Inu JOMASKI. Subject called 11-73-84 on 11 September twice, the first time asking for RONSKI and the second time asking for JOMASKI, neither of whom were in. The names may be garbled as they were transcribed by the Spanish monitor. The telephone is listed to Mexican Souvenirs, Ixtlaccihuatl 4/201. (For traces see 2. p. below).

m. Inu *GRINVER. Called Subject on 13 September regarding a land deal. No traces.

n. Halina *GORDON. Friend of Lidia. Social chit-chat.

o. Ignacio *EDELSTEIN. Subject called EDELSTEIN on 4 October to ask him for a ride out to some property, and also where to get Polish crystal. The two men seem to be friends. No traces.

p. Inu HALAMSKI. (Note: This man may be identical with the RONSKI or JOMASKI of l above. HALAMSKI is the Polish monitor's version of a call that same day which may be identical with the ones noted above.) On 9 September Subject called HALAMSKI and told him that he has to wait 3-6 months for his U.S. visa. He then said that his English teacher is the daughter of a Mexican woman and a Scoteman. She lives near Subject. The Station has not thus far been able to identify this English teacher. TRACES: Inu RONSKI, Inu JOMASKI, Inu HALAMSKI, Inu GOLAMSKI. Possibly identical with

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Jerzy ^{*}HALAMSKI Rathemerry (201-72277). There are reports in the file dating back to the 1940's indicating that Subject associated with left-wing and Communist elements in Berlin in the 30s and also in Paris. HALAMSKI and his wife applied for a U.S. visa in 1961, at which time they were living at Istlacihuatl 6/503 and had an office at Istlacihuatl 6/201. Subject has in the past had a shop selling leather goods and Mexican curios. The closeness of this address to that listed to the phone 11-73-84 and the fact that the LICHOCKIs once lived at Istlacihuatl 15, suggest that Jerzy HALAMSKI is the HALAMSKI in contact with LICHOCKI.

q. Ina ^{*}WALL. On 1 October WALL called Subject and said that Ina GOLAMSKI had recommended that WALL talk to Subject about some legal problems WALL was having over an estate in Poland. Subject says he will come over to help him and gets the address: Avenida Mexico, Plaza Santo Domingo, Apt. 301. No Station traces on WALL. (Note: Possibly GOLAMSKI is the HALAMSKI of 2. p. above.)

3. According to LIFEAT information, Subject's wife rented a room in their house at Cuernavaca 152 to an American Jew named Hyman CAHN, born circa 1902. He was recommended by Lidia by a Ina LEVINSKI, who described CAHN as intellectual, serious, an American from Los Angeles who planned to be in Mexico about six months. The indications are that CAHN was a complete stranger to the LICHOCKIs when he moved into their house. He moved in about 7-8 September. Mail coverage on the address has produced some letters from a girl friend in California named Gladys TOOMBS, other miscellaneous letters, and a cashier's check for \$5,032.00 from the Great Western Savings and Loan Association in Los Angeles, California, which apparently represented CAHN's entire savings in that institution. In a phone conversation between Subject's wife and Ignacio RICHTER, Lidia said that CAHN wanted to invest about \$27,000. in Mexican banks, where he could get 10% interest. A later call to CAHN from a Miss FLORES from Credito Bursatil indicates that CAHN is buying Mexican stocks. The Station has not been able to develop any further information on CAHN to date.

4. Mail Coverage. In addition to the letter described in MEXI-6322, 30 September 1963, Subject has received the following letters:

a. Letter dated 1 October 1963 from Subject's daughter, Krystyna, writing from Warsaw. Subject apparently gave his daughter the money for a two-week trip to Vienna, and she writes a very fond thank-you letter to him upon her return to Warsaw.

b. A birthday card dated 4 October to Subject from Lydia ^{*}KLEIMAN, 7625 Carlyle Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

c. A letter to Subject's wife dated 5 October from a Miss or Mrs. ^{*}ZALECKA, Lodz, Poland. The letter merely urges Lidia to write, talks about health and family.

d. A letter to Subject dated 8 October from the Ina ^{*}ZALECKA of 4. c. above. Thanks subject for gift to Z's mother, mentions other members of the family: Jurek, Wojtek, Ania. Z has been taking a sewing course and expects to start working in February after finishing the course. Z urges Subject to write and asks why he didn't answer her letter.

The letters from Poland can, of course, be interpreted as open code messages from the Center indicating unsatisfactory communication from Subject. They may also be perfectly ordinary family letters.

5. LIBALSA Contact with Subject. LIBALSA has been out of town for two weeks recently, but has in the last two months developed a friendly relationship with Subject, who drops in Subject's shop quite often. Subject has commented

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that he wishes his wife could find a better paying job than the one she now has with Ignacio RICHTER. LIBALSA has suggested that she come around to his shop and he will hire her. Nothing definite has happened about this offer, as yet, however. LIBALSA still plans to take Subject out on the town, per paragraph 25 of reference C, but has not yet had the opportunity to do so. One interesting thing which LIBALSA has discovered is the name of Subject's bank -- Banco Comercial Mexicano. He does not know at which branch Subject does his banking, however. Efforts will be made through Station assets to find out more about this bank account.

6. Interview of Ladislaw DROZDOWSKI.

a. The one fact in the entire case which is most susceptible of investigation is the alleged trip Subject took to Europe to meet his case officer in late 58 - early 59. All available sources on Subject have been checked for information on this trip and have turned out negative, with one exception. GABBOTT (ps) recalled that Subject had either worked for or had been associated with a Ladislaw DROZDOWSKI during the early part of his stay in Mexico and therefore might know whether he had been out of the country for any length of time.

b. TRACES: According to Station files, DROZDOWSKI was born on 28 April 1905 in Poland. He was a Captain in the Polish-Russian Army (sic) during World War II and entered Mexico in January 1944. Because of his failure to register properly, DROZDOWSKI was ordered by the Mexican Government to leave the country in 1948. (Note: He is still here.) Source alleged that when DROZDOWSKI entered Mexico, he had connections with the Polish Legation, but severed these connections, possibly due to financial matters. Subject claims to be a veterinarian. (Source: LIBIDO, 21 April 1948.)

c. The LIFIREs were sent out to interview Mr. and Mrs. DROZDOWSKI who own a cleaning establishment in the Polanco area of Mexico. According to the statements of DROZDOWSKI, Subject never worked for them, but had sought assistance from them circa mid-1958 when he set up his sausage-making shop soon after his arrival in Mexico. The D's did not think much of Subject and stated that they thought he might have left the country to go to Israel sometime in mid-1959 for the purpose of getting married. It is difficult to evaluate this information at present, as it is not clear from the report whether the LIFIREs led the DROZDOWSKI in their questioning. It might have been that the D's would "remember" such a trip if they thought it might get Subject into trouble, since they obviously disliked him. The LIFIREs will be sent back to the DROZDOWSKI for more detailed discussion of this alleged trip. The alleged marriage is clearly false -- Subject was married to Lidia here in Mexico on 12 June 1962.

7. The Station is now faced with the probability that there will be no breakthrough in this case before Subject's immigration application comes up for processing. At that time, it seems to the Station that the possible courses of action are:

a. To call Subject in for an interview and put pressure on him to confess his agent status, then try to recruit him to work in place in the U.S. for a sum of money. Given Subject's very shaky financial status, since his money is all tied up in land speculation, it is felt that money would act as a very strong incentive for him to accept recruitment. If he agreed, it would then be necessary for ODENVY to be involved in the case. Therefore, if this course of action is deemed appropriate by Headquarters, it is requested that ODENVY be queried now as to whether they would want to run such a case in PEPRIME.

(1) If Subject confessed to being a PIS agent and agreed to recruitment and if ODENVY wished to run this case, Subject would then be

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permitted to go to the U.S.

(2) If Subject confessed, but ODENVY does not wish to run such a case, presumably Subject would then, on the basis of his confession, be refused entry to the U.S.

(3) If Subject refuses to confess, because he is either a good agent or not an agent at all, the Station can only point out to him that his life in the U.S. will be extremely disagreeable with this charge hanging over his head and let him go.

b. To do nothing when Subject's immigration comes up, thereby allowing him to proceed to the U.S. unhindered. The Station believes that this course of action would be appropriate only if ODENVY preferred to conduct an investigation on Subject after his arrival in the U.S. without alerting him to suspicions on the part of the authorities. This would be a matter which only ODENVY could judge.

The possibility of causing Subject's immigration visa to be refused out of hand has not been listed since with the evidence now at hand, it is deemed extremely unlikely that the responsible authorities would consider such a refusal warranted. The Station favors the plan of action described in 7.a. above; however, Headquarters comments and guidance in this matter would be appreciated. Since consultation with ODENVY will be necessary in any case, it is requested that Headquarters undertake discussions now in order to reach an understanding of how this case is to be handled.

8. It would be most helpful if BEVISION could be queried again on the basis of the new information now available, better pictures, etc. The Station realizes that circumstances probably prevent this, but it is seriously doubted here that LICHOCKI is going to be revealed as a PLS agent without some additional ammunition. Headquarters states in paragraph 9 of Reference B that it is probable that Subject is maintaining contact with a case officer. In cases of Polish illegals known to the Station, such contact has usually been kept to a minimum while the agent was in the staging area. If Subject is writing to the Center from time to time, but not meeting a case officer, the chance of detecting this are extremely small. If he is meeting a case officer at all regularly (which is thought to be unlikely if Mexico is a staging area for him), the meetings must be taking place in Mexico because he has not been out of Mexico City since Station coverage began. To date, the Station has hesitated to surveil Subject until some final course of action has been determined. If Headquarters wants the confrontation to take place, it is planned to precede this by some intensive surveillance, both to determine if Subject is meeting any one clandestinely and to rattle Subject a bit before his interview.

Request for Headquarters Action

9. Headquarters decision regarding paragraph 7 above will be awaited before any action, other than routine investigation, is undertaken.

10. Has Headquarters been able to develop any information about the LICHOCKI's stay in Israel (see paragraph 29, reference C).

11. Headquarters traces on above mentioned individuals are requested.

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